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SUBJECT: TEXTILES--DRAFT NOTE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE OUR RESPONSES TO EGYPTIAN CONCERNS, BY  
APPROPRIATE PARAGRAPHS REFTEL:

PARA 3: ONLY COTTON TEXTILES WERE MEANT, THEREFORE, PHRASE  
MAY BE CHANGED TO READ "COTTON TEXTILES AND COTTON TEXTILE  
PRODUCTS."

PARA 4: AGREED

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PARA 5: CHANGE PAGE FOUR, LINE 2 TO READ, "...THE GOV'T  
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT SHALL NOTIFY THE GOV'T OF THE  
USA..."

PARA 6: AGREED

PARA 7: PARAGRAPH 4(B) OF DRAFT NOTE REFERS TO "SWING,"  
I.E., THE SHIFTING OF UNUSED QUOTA IN A CATEGORY OR

CATEGORIES TO ANOTHER CATEGORY IN THE SAME AGREEMENT YEAR.  
PARAGRAPH 6(B) (II) REFERS TO "CARRYOVER," OR THE UTILIZA-  
TION OF UNUSED QUOTA FROM ONE AGREEMENT YEAR IN THE  
FOLLOWING AGREEMENT YEAR. IN THE CASE OF SWING, UNUSED  
QUOTAS FROM CATEGORIES UNDER SPECIFIC LIMIT MAY BE  
APPLIED TO CATEGORIES WITHOUT SPECIFIC LIMIT. THIS CANNOT  
BE DONE IN THE CASE OF CARRYOVER. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL  
TO POINT OUT TO EGYPTIANS THAT A PARAGRAPH ALMOST IDENTI-  
CAL TO PARA 6(B) (II) APPEARS AS PARA 6 (II) IN OLD AGREE-  
MENT OF SEPT 30 AND OCTOBER 5, 1970.

PARA 8: WE VIEW THE GOE USING ITS "BEST EFFORTS" TO SPACE  
EXPORTS AS JUST THAT--IT AGREES TO DO WHAT IT CAN, AS  
FEASIBLE AND WITHIN REASON, TO SPACE EXPORTS THROUGHOUT  
THE YEAR. HENCE, "BEST EFFORTS" MEANS "AS FEASIBLE" AS  
FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED.

PARA 9: FACT THAT GOE DOES NOT MAINTAIN ACCURATE MONTHLY  
STATISTICS OF TEXTILE EXPORTS IS SOMEWHAT DISTURBING AND  
LEADS US TO ASK FOLLOWING QUESTION: WITHOUT ACCURATE  
STATISTICS, HOW DOES GOE PROPOSE TO CONTROL EXPORTS OF  
TEXTILES TO US?

-- IN ADDITION, WHILE WE DON'T WANT TO MAKE BIG ISSUE OF  
PROBLEMS, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT PROVISIONS  
CONCERN RAISED IN THESE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS WERE MENTIONED  
IN PARA 7 OF MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING, AND IDENTICAL PARA-  
GRAPHS WERE INCLUDED IN OLD AGREEMENT (SEPT. 30 AND OCTOBER  
5, 1970).

PARA 10: AS WE SEE IT, US HAS RIGHT TO CONTROL IMPORTS IF  
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IT SHOULD SO DESIRE, AND THIS IS IMPLICIT IN BILATERAL  
AGREEMENT. IT ALSO IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR OWN LEGISLATION.  
IF EGYPTIANS FEEL THAT PARAGRAPH 16 IS NOT NECESSARY IN  
THIS CASE, AND IF IT WILL EASE THEIR CONCERNS WE WILL AGREE  
TO REMOVE IT FROM DRAFT NOTE.

2. WE WANT TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE TO EGYPTIANS,  
AND AS WE SAID ABOVE, WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF  
ANY OF THESE POINTS. WE DO, HOWEVER, WANT TO MAINTAIN  
SOME UNIFORMITY AMONG OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WHERE  
POSSIBLE. WE VIEW MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING AS WORKING DOCU-  
MENT WHICH PROVIDES FRAMEWORK OF AGREEMENT, FROM WHICH  
FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTES ARE TO BE DRAFTED; HENCE, THE

REASON FOR EXPANDED LANGUAGE IS DRAFT NOTE.

3. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS IN THIS CASE, AND  
EMBASSY IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR WAY IN WHICH IT HAS HANDLED  
THIS PROBLEM AT TIME IN WHICH HEAVY DEMANDS ARE BEING MADE

ON ITS RESOURCES. HOPEFULLY, ABOVE RESPONSES WILL EASE  
EGYPTIAN CONCERNS, AND WE CAN PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF  
NOTES. KISSINGER

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